PRESIDENT: The House will now proceed to the voting on Demands for Grants.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED: സർ, ഇന്നലെ സിക്രട്ടേറിയറിൽ നിന്ന് ഓർഡേർസ് വേഗത്തിൽ പോകുന്നില്ല എന്നുള്ളതിനു ഉദാഹരണമായി ആലപ്പുഴയിലെ പോർട്ട് തൊഴിലാളികളെക്കുടി റിലീഫ് മെഷേർസിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്ന് ഓർഡർ ഇതുവരെ കിട്ടിയില്ല എന്നു പറഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ ഒർ മണിക്കുറിനകത്തു ഓർഡർ അയച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായി ചീഫ് സിക്രട്ടറിപറഞ്ഞു. ഇപ്പോൾ എനിക്ക് ആലപ്പുഴ നിന്നും ഒരു കമ്പി കിട്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I am not responsible for the telegram. Orders were given in twenty four hours.

PRESIDENT: What is the telegram?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED: The telegram is "No orders received".

PRESIDENT: Who says that?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED: The Secretary, Labour Association.

PRESIDENT: I will have enquires made of that.

VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*contd.*)

DEMAND XI—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION—(*contd*)

Motion No. 294.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI. Sir, in support of the motion before the House I wish to make a few observations on one or two points. It is very difficult in rural parts to get efficient medical aid, especially for females at times of delivery. In the country parts it is the general practice to employ country midwives. There was a time when people in the country parts were so conservative that they would not seek the aid of trained midwives. All conservatism has now disappeared and if trained midwives are not employed in rural parts now, it is because they are not available at the proper time. I need not detail here all the dangers that accompany the employment of country midwives. The death-rate of mothers and infants is increasing day by day. From the Administration Report of 1114 it is evident that there was an increase in the infant death-rate during the year 1114. The infant deaths in rural and urban areas in the State are 77·42 in 1113 and 82·63 in 1114 (per thousand). The mortality rate of the infant and the mother is on the increase. I request, Sir, therefore that trained midwives should be employed in every pakuthy in the State. I am not unaware of the fact that there is a scheme already sanctioned by Government or maternity and child welfare. But this functions only in about 10 centres now and from the Administration Report it is evident that the results are excellent. The report says "the population assigned to each midwife ranges from 5 to 7 thousand. "The standards of work fixed for the mid-wives are similar to those obtaining in the Neyyattinkara

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